Docket No.: 55071-310 **PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Armin LIEBCHEN : Confirmation Number:

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ILLUMINATION SOURCE OPTIMIZATION

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicant hereby claims the priority of:

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cited in the Declaration of the present application. A certified copy will be filed in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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